

Response to Office Action mailed March 23, 2006
U.S. Application No. 10/541,290

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 15-25, 29, and 30 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Hogervorst in view of Deike.

Claim 28 was rejected further in view of Auraen.

Claims 13, 14, 26, and 27 were indicated to contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 1 and 15 have been amended to include the features of claims 3 and 13, and 17 and 26, respectively, including intervening dependency features. Claims 3, 13, 17, and 26 have been cancelled in favor of the amendment. Dependencies of subsequent claims have been corrected accordingly.

Independent claim 29 is amended to cover the alternative features of three embodiments described in paragraphs [0018, 0019, and 0021] and Figures 6 and 7, 8 and 9, and 13 to 15 of the specification as filed.

Independent claim 31 is added to include features of a fourth embodiment described in paragraph [0020] and Figs. 10-12.

Independent claims 33 is added to recite the features of claims 1 to 5, 8, 9, and 13.

None of the recited prior art discloses or otherwise teaches the features of claims 29 and 31.

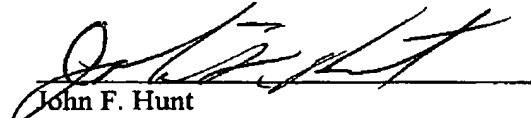
Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

The above amendments are consistent with the response made to the UK application Office Action which matches the present application Office Action.

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